THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) Freedom fighters pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme is given only to those participants of the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny (Naval Strike) in 1946 who had to lose their jobs after their categorisation as 'dismissed', 'services no longer required' or 'unsuitable'. While no no separate record of the claims received from the participants of the Naval Strike is kept, the claims of all the participants of this Strike, including those from Punjab, who were discharged as dismissed/services no longer required/ unsuitable have been considered and decisions already communicated to the applicants. Some applicants whose claims for pension were rejected on the ground of their non-fulfilling the eligibility conditions, keep on sending review petitions/ representations against the decision of the Government. Receipt and disposal of such representations being a continuous process, it is not possible to prescribe any definite time schedule for their disposal.

Killings in North East

483. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, paramilitary personnel and extremists who were killed in various incidents during the last two years in the North-East; and

(b) whether Government propose to solve the problems being faced by the people of North-East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) According to available records, the number of persons killed during the last two years in the four most seriously affected North-Eastern States is as follows:—

	1993	1994
ASSAM :		
(a) Civilians	67	202
(b) Police/Army	24	35
(c) Extremists	27	63
NAGALAND :		
(a) Civilians	62	110
(b) Police/Army	43	26
(c) Extremists	68	56
MANIPUR :		
(a) Civilians	266	189
(b) Police/Army	91	98
(c) Extremists	54	61
TRIPURA :		
(a) Civilians	42	14
(b) Police/Army	13	10
(c) Extremists	7	10

(b) Yes, Sir. The situation in the North-Eastern States is conditioned by a complex set of factors including historical, social, economic, administrative and political. A multi-pronged strategy is being followed for dealing with the disturbed law and order situation in some of the States and for the economic development of the entire North-East region.

Recommendation of NHRC about terrorism in Punjab

484. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has cautioned Government that the delay in tackling human rights violation could lead to revival of militancy and terrorism in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether National Human Rights Commission has made several recommendations on Human Rights issue;

(d) whether the Union Government have examined these recommendations; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In the report of its visit to Punjab, the National Human Rights Commission had, inter-alia, mentioned that a large number of delegations that met the Commission were of the view that terrorism had only been contained and not totally eliminated. The Commission further noted that according to them (delegations), apart from the work done by the Security Forces or the police, the issues which were highlighted by the terrorists in the initial years of the movement need to be tackled without furhter loss of time. In this context, the Commission observed that delay in tackling of these issues could be a factor in any possible revival of militancy and terrorism in the State, and consequent recrudescence of complaints of human rights violations.

(b) The above mentioned report of the National Human Rights Commission has been sent to the State Government of Punjab for taking appropriate follow up action.

(c) The National Human Rights Commission considers all complaints received by it and also takes cognizance suo-motu of incidents of human rights violation reported in Newspapers and, wherever considered appropriate, makes suitable recommendations to concerned authority/agency under the Central/State Government direct, as the case may be.

(d) and (e) Whenever any recommendations/suggestions pertaining to cases of human rights violations are received from the National Human Rights Commission, action is initiated immediately to examine and take appropriate follow up action.

Police firing in Ashok Vihar

485. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least four jhuggi dwellers were killed in police firing on persons defecating in the open in a public park in Ashok Vihar, Delhi and several others were injured on January 30, 1995;

(b) whether Delhi High Court had passed orders in 1992 to prevent jhuggi dwellers from defecating and urinating in the park and for provision of proper toilets for these jhuggi dwellers; and